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I am a very concerned hearing impaired citizen. It makes no sense to me that, after more than seven years of inaction, the FDA is now rushing to put forth a new proposal that would change the way seniors like me access hearing health care and hearing aids.

Please let me know what you have done to stop the proposed hearing aid rule from being issued by the FDA in the twilight of the current Administration. I look forward to hearing from you.

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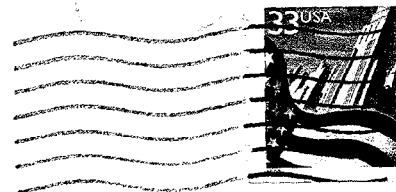
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